

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
REGULAR WORK SESSION
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019
6:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Yeargin called the meeting to order at 6:17p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant (Late), Councilmember Charl Jones, Councilmember Hope Love, Councilmember Lamar Maxwell (Late), Councilmember Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Sharron Lipford, Director of Public Engagement, Diamond Plater, Council Clerk, Jeannelle B. Wallace, Chief Operating Officer,

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

The invocation was given by Council President Yeargin

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Sistrunk and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve the agenda. The motion carried and was approved by the Council.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

- Delegate Jazz Lewis stated that the end of the session letters was sent, and some may have received them. He has a few to provide the Mayor and City Council. He arrived to join the Seat pleasant Day Parade but arrived too late. The delegation came close to have a speaker of the House from Prince George's County. Delegate Andrea Jones is the Speaker of the House. He will be meeting with her on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 to discuss something surrounding the 24th District.
- The FBI site is still in the works, but it cannot be done on the current site. Senator Van Hollen, Congressman Brown worked with them to defund the project to another location that has been selected by GSA.

- Delegate Lewis will be meeting on the Transient Orient Development and the questions that they ask are what are you doing in the 24th District?
- Delegate Lewis would like to meet with Mayor Grant to discuss priorities. They brought back school funding by 1,000,000,000. They do not know where the money will be coming from to support the increased budget.
- The medical marijuana was not fair to the African American community. We need to ensure that we have restoral of justice for individuals that were arrested for marijuana providing they do not have a gun charge.
- Councilmember Jones stated that Mayor Bowser is working on the same to ensure that African Americans and they are working to establish a work group.
- Councilmember Porter inquired on the mass transit for the Meg Train.
- Delegate Lewis stated that it is still into play, but it will be going into another area off BW Parkway. They will need to take it to Fort Meade and if they decide they do not want it on their property, it will not go through. It is based upon a Tiger Loan to fund the project and last funding was 2.5 million and this project is much more. They are looking at other projects that will be underground, and there are concerns with the project with regards to funding and location of stops. The area is getting congested.
- Councilmember McCarthy wanted to know the status of the art in public spaces in Seat Pleasant and would like to know where it will go?
- They will be requesting for Delegate Barron to come to Seat Pleasant.
- Councilmember McCarthy want to know what will be done to ensure that the money is being used correctly in the schools?
- Delegate Lewis and Delegate Washington has met with the CEO regarding the funding and the concerns of waste and abuse within the schools.
- Delegate Lewis is drafting legislation regarding the School Board contract procurement procedures. They want to increase the teacher salary to begin at \$60,000.
- Delegate Lewis stated that the gaming bill money is being allocated to the schools, but it's essentially not enough based upon the varying needs of the children within the school. There are schools that need to be rebuilt, security needs, electronics, etc.
- Councilmember Jones wanted to know if the priorities are there to support the needs?
- Delegate Lewis stated that he had submitted a bill for three years to have waste, abuse and fraud be addressed within the school oppose to being addressed in the public.

- Councilmember Yeargin wanted to know the position on Smart Cities and the support of Seat Pleasant.
- Delegate Lewis asked if Mayor Grant requested Council President to ask that question?
- Delegate Lewis stated that he is here now and very supportive of Seat Pleasant and the leadership.
- Delegate Lewis stated that he would like to receive the same respect that he provides.
- Councilmember Sistrunk inquired on the status of the Boulevard? Delegate Lewis stated that the Magic Johnson contract is up with AMC, the theatre will remain, but it will be relocated to the hardware store location.

3. REPORTS:

3.1. Mayor's Report

- Mayor Grant stated we had done a lot together over the last two years and even though we had not always agreed, but we made a way to make it work.
- Mayor Grant stated that Council President Yeargin question to the Delegate Lewis was not from or at the request of the Mayor.
- Mayor Grant stated that the exchange had to happened and it should not be one person to represent the City.
- Mayor Grant stated that anyone in this room should be able to articulate the Cities Smart City efforts and what we are doing.
- Mayor Grant stated that the Delegate could not give a specific answer regarding the support of the City Smart City efforts.
- Mayor Grant stated that we gave the Delegate the respect and deference by allowing him to speak without him being scheduled.
- Mayor Grant stated that we had been meeting with County Councilmembers, Congressman Brown met with the city to discuss and learn about Smart Cities.
- Mayor Grant stated that the County Executive, Angela Alsobrooks will be here on June 6, 2019 and bringing her staff.

3.2. Chief Operating Officer

- Mrs. Wallace stated that during the month of March there were several meetings held regarding the FY2019-2020 Budget.
- We had several Personnel Meetings and a community Charrette meeting. We had over 200 Purchase Orders approved.
- We had addressed an issue with the dumpster and the City Clerk and Police Department to update the street listing for distribution.

- We worked on several contracts and the city attorney, updated the SOP for reporting accidents.
- The Police Department worked with the States Attorney to host an expungement affair to assist residents to clear their criminal records.
- The delivery of the modular building to extend the police department will be forthcoming after the final finishes are complete.
- Councilmember McCarthy inquired of the water issues in the temporary site.
- Mrs. Wallace explained that the issues is due to the system not being tied into the WSSC.
- Councilmember Sistrunk inquired about the purchase of the vehicle for the City Council.
- Mrs. Wallace informed Councilmember Sistrunk that the vehicle is on the site.

3.3. City Council Committee Reports

- The Council President requested for the Governmental Affairs and Technology Committee report for April to be added on the Public Session Meeting Agenda.

4. LEGISLATION

4.1. Ordinance O-19-12 Amendment of Chapter 43 Voting. Ordinance O-19-12 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, May 6, 2019.

4.2. Ordinance O-19-13 Amendment of Chapter 68-Commercial Business District. Ordinance O-19-13 was introduced by the City Council on Monday, May 6, 2019 and read by the City Clerk.

4.3 Ordinance O-19-14 Amendment of Chapter 59-Brush, Grass and Trees. Ordinance O-19-14 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, May 6, 2019.

4.4. Ordinance O-19-15 Adoption of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget. Ordinance O-19-15 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. None

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Approval of Neighborhood and Commercial Compliance Job Description.

- Council President Yeargin requested for the Job Description to be on the Public Session Meeting Agenda for Monday, May 13, 2019.

7 ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1. Public Session, Monday, May 13, 2019, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 at 7:00p.m.

7.2 Seat Pleasant City Council Retreat, Saturday, May 18, 2019, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD from 9:00am-6:00pm

7.3 Ward V Monthly Meeting, Monday, May 20, 2019, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD from 9:30am-11:30am

7.4 Regular Work Session, Monday, June 3, 2019, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD at 6:00pm


7.5 Community Fish Fry, Saturday, June 8, 2019, Goodwin Park, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD from 12:00pm-5:00pm

Councilmember Porter stated that the event is open to all with activities for the children, music, etc.

7.6 Public Session, Monday, June 10, 2019, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD at 7:00pm

ADJOURN-The meeting was adjourned at 8:14p.m.

Submitted by,


Dashaun N. Danham, CMC
City Clerk